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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the Microsoft antitrust settlement. Three years have now passed since this case was introduced by the Department of Justice. Since this time an enormous amount of time and energy has been wasted in trying to mediate this issue. During these economic times, I believe taxpayers would rather have their resources spent on more pressing issues.

Microsoft has been generous throughout this dispute. Wishing for a resolution, Microsoft agreed to many stipulations. Microsoft has agreed to the formation of a technical review board. This board will be composed of external members whose position is to ensure that Microsoft follows the terms of the agreement. I would hope that this would reassure those wary of the settlement's seriousness.

Please enact the settlement at the end of January, as it is in the best public interest. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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